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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1382

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 2, 2005

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Shovel Ready Site Development Center.

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Wolkins

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill renames the Permit Assistance Center the Shovel Ready Site Development Center. The bill provides that the Center is within the Economic Development Corporation instead of the Department of Commerce. The bill also requires the Center, in cooperation with political subdivisions, to create programs to enable political subdivisions to obtain all or part of any required federal, state, and local government permits to create sites that are ready for economic development.

Effective Date: Upon passage.

Explanation of State Expenditures: The bill renames the Permit Assistance Center the Shovel Ready Site Development Center, and expands its duties to include establishing programs that enable political subdivisions to obtain all or part of any local, state, or federal permit, license, certificate, registration, or other approval in order to create sites that are ready for economic development. The bill also relocates the Center to the Indiana Economic Development Corporation (IEDC) which is established as July 1, 2005. The changes made in this bill are, however, effective upon passage of the bill. The IEDC should be able to fulfill these new duties with the staffing that presumably will be transferred from the IDOC to the IEDC under current statute on July 1, 2005.

Under current statute, the Permit Assistance Center is within the Indiana Department of Commerce (IDOC). The Center is required to provide information on permits required for business activities in Indiana; work with other Offices within IDOC in assisting applicants in obtaining timely and efficient permit review and the resolution of issues arising from permit review; and encourage the participation of federal and local government agencies in permit coordination. Current statute also requires the Center to establish an information file on all

state agency permit requirements that affect business activities in Indiana. At the present time, the IDOC has tasked the Office of the Ombudsman within the Regional Operations Division with the permitting assistance duties specified under current statute for the Permit Assistance Center. The Office of the Ombudsman is comprised of one full-time employee. The November 4, 2004, state staffing table indicates that the IDOC has 31 vacant full-time positions, including regional office positions.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana Economic Development Corporation.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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